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# EIGHT-HOUR LAW TO BE BIG ISSUE

**Developments Indicate That Action of Congress Will Fea**ture Political Campaign.

**DEMOCRATS ON DEFENSIVE; LINE UP RAILWAY WORKERS** 

National Parties Are "Going to the Mat" on Recent Legislation and Both Sides Welcome Fight.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

CHICAGO, September 26 .-Developments continue to indicate that the great issue of the national political campaign for the present at least, and until some turn in these days of swift and country-wide changes shall possibly supplant it overnight, is the action of Congress, under pressure from President Wilson, enforcing the eight-hour wage

That the democrats are on the defensive was shown by the President's has since transpired. The democratic national committee is already busying itself lining up the railway men on the administration's side of self-defense, and the first of results were produced today in a signed letter from W. G. Lee, supporting President Wilson's course most

The answer of the republicans to this is that it is confirmatory of the charge of a political play by the administration with the railway brotherhoods, to which seventy-odd republicans in the House were compelled to lend acquiescence by he exigency of the situation, and that

the brotherhoods are now carrying out their part of the bargain. The purpose of this dispatch is to point out, merely in the routine of the day's work of describing the political situation as it unfolds, what part the course the President, proclaimed and denied by him as humanitarian action, is the process humanitarian action, is

### Both Sides Welcome Issue.

al end of the proposition in the ents. The democratic naan editorial in Senator Lafol-weekly magasine, defending the to's weekly magasine, defending the saident. Senator Lafollette is runge for re-election to the Senate on republican ticket in Wisconsin. He is the only senator officially classifas a republican who voted for the saident's bill. It is evident beyond itradiction, therefore, that the demonstration are regoing to the mat" on the hit-bour wage legislation and both r wage legislation and both s are welcoming the issue.
stated in The Star's dispatches
day, the next week or more will
less the democratic campaign cheerwitness the democratic campaign cheering up and the republican campaign taking its share of the knocks. Democrats were heartened today by news from North Dakota, where everything as thought to be all squegee for the epublicans. According to advices, the con-Partisan Farmers' Alliance, about which much has been written in The star's correspondence, and which will control the state election, has been captured in its captaincy and bridge witch at least by some socialists. These are favorable to President Wilson, and if they can maintain discipline and pass the word down to the rank and file, the non-partisan organization may swing to the democratic national ticket.

Puts Democrats in Quandary.

News from the state of Washington came in today to the effect that former Senator Turner, democratic candidate for United States senator, has declared for protection to Washington products, seeking to win the support of pro-tectionist republicans against Poin-dexter, candidate for senator. That puts the republicans in a quandary; they are invited to vote for a democrastanding for protection against a re-publican who voted for the Underwood bill. Likewise, the democrats have the choice of voting for a candidate who declares for a vital republican prin-ciple or support a man who voted with their party once, but is now nominated as republican

as republican.

Here is another fly in the republican amber. The Women's Hughes Alliance is specially training through the west. That's all right in spots, but it falls out that there are some German communities where the Germans do not like woman suffrage because in the end it. nan suffrage because in the end it epells prohibition, and now the sched-ules may have to be changed. 'Now, there's a whole bunch of politi-cal anomalies and paradoxes. What's Now, there's a whole bunch of political anomalies and paradoxes. What's the answer? That we won't take any of them too seriously but regard them all as part of the game, and remember that a lot of fun can be got out of politics if you don't let politics obsess you nor the politicians fool you all the time.

PRIMARIES ON IN JERSEY.

Candidates for Senator, Governor and Representative Being Voted On.

TRENTON, N. J., September 26 .-Preferential primaries for the nomina tion of republican and democratic candidates for United States senator, gov ernor, twelve representatives in Congress and members of the state legisla ture were held throughout New Jersey today. There were several close contests and a heavy vote was expected. The polls were open from 7 a.m. until

The progressives as a party did not participate in the primaries because the party failed to poll 5 per cent of the total vote in the last election, and under the state law was excluded from nominating candidates.

#### Value of Chemistry Discussed.

stantine to Cast Lot With **Entente Powers.** 

HE GOES FIRST TO CRETE TO ORGANIZE SUPPORTERS

Former Premier May Visit Other Islands Before Proceeding Finally to Saloniki.

September 26.-Former Premier Venizelos, who is on his way to the Island of Crete, is expected to arrive at Suda bay, on the north coast of that island, this evening or early tomorrow, proceeding thence to Canea to address a proclamation to the people of Greece stating the reasons for his departure from Athens and summoning King Constantine to head a movement to put Greece by the side of the entente. National bank shares dropped 115 francs today.

It is thought that this evening's cabinet meeting will decide to drop two members of the present ministry. M. Roufas, minister of the interior, and M. Vokotopoulos, minister of justice.

Accompanied by Supporters.

LONDON, September 26.-According Athens dispatches received here, M. Greek people from Canea, island of Crete, where he probably will direct the formation of a separatist govern-

Besides Admiral Condcuriotia, the dispatch adds, those accompanying M. Venizelos include all the members of venizelos include all the members of his former cabinet, with the exception of M. Baktavin, minister of justice. The proclamation of M. Venizelos, it s said, will invite King Constantine to out himself at the head of a national

Last Opportunity for King.

tion will provide the last opportunity for King Constantine to place himself and his government in with the wishes of the majority of the Greek people, who do not want any declaration of the dethronement of the monarch.

The dispatch says Venizelos will call for a general mobilization throughout the Island of Crete for the purpose of national defense. He will then visit Mytlene, Chios and Samos before proceeding to Saloniki. Leonidas Embericos, owner of the National Steam Navigation Company, and reputed to be the cos, owner or the National Steam Navi-gation Company, and reputed to be the richest man in Grece, is reported to have informed Admiral Condouriotis of his intention to place his whole for-tune at the disposal of the national de-fense movement. Before leaving Athens Admiral Condouriotis offered the king his resignation as royal aid-de-camp.

Chief of Staff Resigns.

Gen. Constantine Moschopoulos, chief of the staff of the Greek army, has resigned, according to a Reuter's dispatch

from Athens. Gen. Moscho Greek forces at Saloniki'at the time of the landing of the Anglo-French expeditionary force. He ordered the troops under his command to salute French and British officers and was generally reported to be friendly to the cause of the allies. In August Gen. Moschopoulos was appointed chief of staff, and in a statement given to the press-average. los was appointed chief of stan, and in a statement given to the press expressed the hope that he could strengthen the good relations between Greece and the entente powers. "I think I can be a precious advocate of the entente," he

Removing Tobacco From Kavala. ATHENS, Greece, September 25, vir don, September 26.-Tobacco valued at \$15,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 worth is the property of American companies, i seing removed to the interior by Bulgarians from storage warehouses at the Greek seaport of Kavala. Garrett Drop-pers, the American minister to Greece, has asked the Bulgarian government to permit the American stocks to be taken out of the town and brought here.

SOLDIERS BURIED ALIVE.

Italians Caught in Wreckage When Austrians Blew Up Mine. VIENNA, September 25, via London

September 26.—An official statement dealing with the situation on the Italian front contains the following: "On Monte Cimone (the top of which was blown in by an Austrian mine), s number of Italians who were buried under the wreckage are still alive Twenty-four succeeded in liberating New York Primaries Give Whitman themselves and surrendered. The oth ers have been calling for help, which could not be given yet on ascount of the fire of the Italian artillery and which depends on the acceptance of a ocal armistice offered to the enemy for the sake of humanity.

ROME, September 25, via London,
September 26.—The war office announced today that Italian troops had

Illinois Democrats Discuss Platform SPRINGFIELD, Ill., September 26 .-Planks proposed by organized labor including compulsory workmen's compensation and shorter hours for woman workers, were the chief questions be fore the state democratic convention fore the state democratic convention which met here today to discuss a

taken by storm another mountain top on the Trentino front, inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians.

Old-Time Telegraphers Hold Reunion NEW YORK, September 26 .- The old. time Telegraphers and Historical As. ociation met here today in its thirtyfifth annual reunion. Robert Adamson The works of themistry Discussed.

New YORK September 26.—The great importance of chemistry in the autilization of our mational resource of chemistry in the convention of the American Chemical Society and the National Exposition of Chemical Marks Butler of Chemical Society and the National Exposition again for addresses by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia Lings Buller of Chemical States and Tokio, Japan.

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### VENIZELOS TO GIVE PROPOSE NEW LAWS KING LAST CHANCE TO DEAL WITH STRIKE

Expected to Call Upon Con- Gov. Whitman to Be Urged to Call Legislature in Special Session.

> **CONFERS THIS AFTERNOON** WITH STATE LEGISLATORS

> Organizer Frayne Claims 260,000 Workers Will Quit Tomorrow. Disorders Break Out Again.

NEW YORK, September 26 .- Gov Whitman has promised to meet here this afternoon a committee represent ing members of the state legislature from Manhattan and the Bronx to hear their request for a special session of the legislature to "deal with the situation" resulting from the threat of a general suspension of work Wednes day morning in sympathy with the striking carmen

No method of dealing with the pro posed strike was set forth by the committee in advance of the conference. It was pointed out in resolutions which the committee adopted that the power of the public service commission wa

inadequate.

Prior to the governor's meeting with the committee of legislators, it became known on good authority that the governor does not favor the proposition to call a special session. He feels, it was said, that the situation is not acute enough at this time to warrant such action.

260,000 Workers May Quit.

Hugh Frayne, an officer of the Ameridirectors of the strike movement claimed today that assurances had been received by the labor leaders that 260,000 organized workers will quit work tomorrow morning.

quit work tomorrow morning.

A convention of the general officers of national and international unions having headquarters here and representatives of Central Labor unions, trade councils and local unions will be held Wednesday morning to organize and extend the suspension of work. Means of supplying financial support to strikers and plans for holding demonstrations will be considered.

The building trade councils of Manhattan and the Bronx, representing about \$3,000 workers, have postponed their response to the call for a suspension of work until Thursday.

Delegates who claimed to represent 125,000 workers of the United Hebrew Trades voted last night in favor of a strike Wednesday.

Gov. Whitman arrived in the city last night. A committee appointed by the legislators will wait upon him about 3 o'clock.

sympathy with the plans of conference leaders took the form today of favor-ing a forty-eight-hour "demonstration" rather than a general strike, it was

Serious Accident in Subway.

The first accident on a subway line since the transit strike began, Septem ber 6, occurred yesterday. Thirteen persons were injured, two seriously, in a rear-end collision at the 207th street elevated structure. The motorman

the rear train was arrested later. Disorders again broke out during the early hours today. According to the police, a dozen elevated trains were bombarded with sticks and stones thrown from roofs by strikers and sympathizers. Three persons were injured by flying glass when the windows of a 3d avenue elevated train were shattered

by missiles.

Two arrests were made. One of the men in custody is charged with having a revolver in his possession.

MAINE G. O. P. EXPENDITURES. State Committee Receives \$53,317, But Uses Only \$42,090.

AUGUSTA, Me., September 26 .- The republican state committee received \$53.317, and spent \$42,090 in the recent state campaign, Treasurer George W Norton of Portland reported to the secretary of state today. The national committee contributed \$37,500 and Frederick Hale and former Gov. Bert M. Fernald, who were elected to the United States Senate, gave \$2,500 and \$500, respectively. Hale's personal statement showed total expenditures

The state committee paid \$2,000 to Halbert P. Gardner, formerly the Maine member of the progressive national committee, for "campaign organization work," according to Treasurer Norton's

CALDER'S MAJORITY, 9,007.

Bull Moose Nomination. ALBANY, N. Y., September 26 .- William M. Calder's majority over Robert Bacon in Tuesday's contest for the republican United States senatorial nomination was 9.007, according to official figures made public today by Secretary of State Hugo.

The state-wide totals were: Calder,

for Thomas F. Conway.

In the republican primary Gov.

Whitman received 254,177 votes, as compared with 44,720 for William M. Bennett, his rival, for the party nomination. The democrats cast 158,718 for Samuel Seabury, who was unop-

Bainbridge Colby won the progressive nomination for United States sentitor, defeating William M. Calder, republican, 7,006 to 6,875.



THE COMPUTER.

### STATE DEPARTMENT SUPPORTS TREVINO

Confidential Advices Confirm Mexican Statement of Chihuahua Fight.

Confidential official advices, it was announced today at the State Depart ment, show that Villa was not present during the Hidalgo day fighting at Chihuahua city, that no arms or ammuand that there were no desertions from

the Carranza garrison. Secretary Lansing said the dispatche bore out statements of Eliseo Arredondo, Mexican ambassador-designate, regarding the affair. The source of the State Department's information was not disclosed. Mr. Lansing said he regarded it as reliable and authentic.

Report From British Sources.

The report will be sent to the Amer. ican commissioners at New London for their guidance. Although the State Department has not been represented directly at Chihuahua city for several formation from British sources.

Representations have been made by the State Department to the Carranza government in behalf of Burton Wilson, president of the American Club of Mexico City, who was arrested and re-ported threatened with deportation. A cablegram to the Navy Department today from Capt. Burrage, commanding the battleship Nebraska, at Vera Cruz, reported all quiet there. Border ru-mors yesterday said there had been a bandit attack on the city.

VILLA UTTERLY ROUTED. **GEN. TREVINO INSISTS** 

Report in Hands of Mexican Commissioners Invites Gen. Bell to Investigate Facts.

NEW LONDON, Conn., September 26 .-An official account by Gen. Jacinto Trevino of the attack on Chihuahua

Trevino of the attack on Chihuahua has been received by the Mexican commissioners. The report says:

"Sixteenth September, at dawn, this town was attacked by group about, six hundred bandits, apparently orders direct of Francisco Villa. At first were able take penitentiary and government and federal palace. First, promptly dislodged. Second, besieged in palaces by infantry backed our artilliery, whose good shooting destroyed this group. Survivors shot. Garrison remained loyal and did duty. Regret report some losses. Among wounded I must count myself, though did not impede my directing combat until utter rout enemy. Forces of Gens. Cavazos The state-wide totals were: Calder, 152,372; Bacon, 144,366.
Gov. Whitman, republican, won the progressive party nomination for governor over Samuel Seabury, his democratic opponent, by 5,463. The figures were: Whitman, 11,483; Seabury, 6,020.
Gov. Whitman also was the nominee of the independence league party, defeating Seabury, 1,763 to 691, and of the American party, defeating Seabury, 38 to 37. William F. McCombs polled 99,307 report some losses. Among wounded I votes for the democratic nomination for must count myself, though did not important of Thomas F. Conway. rout enemy. Forces of Gens. Cavazos

> will renew pursuit and will complete destruction. Reports show bandits car-

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN

Save every old newspaper you can find for the playground fund.

### HARD BATTLES ON AGAIN IN GALICIA

Berlin Reports Successive Attacks Near Manajow Were Repulsed.

BERLIN, September 26, by wireless to Sayville.-Russian troops yesterday made successive attacks in strong force against the Austro-German positions near Manajow, in Galicia, says today's German official statement, but the attacks failed under the heaviest losse for the Russians.

The German official statement report ing operations on the Russian front

Attacks Repeated Six Times. "Prince Leopold's front-A storm of have been reported. strong hostile forces repeated six times under the heaviest losses. A Russian gigantic aeroplane, after a hard combat, was brought down by one of our large industrial centers." fliers near Borguny. In the same district a Russian monoplane was shot down in an aerial fight.

"Archduke Charles' front—In the Ludova sector there were fresh violent enemy attacks. Farther south separate attacks were repulsed."

PETROGRAD, September 26, via Lon don, 2:20 p.m.-German troops after a

Germans Attack Russians.

fierce artillery preparation yesterday launched an attack against the Rus sian trenches north of Lake Kaldyt chev, says the Russian official state ment issued today. The Germans were repulsed with great losses, the statement adds, leaving a large number of killed and wounded on the field. The

New Jersey Vice Chancellor Dies. NEWARK, N. J., September 26,-Vice oday after a brief illness. He was sixty-eight years old. He was a native of Wantage, Sussex county, N. J.

## ZEPPELINS KILL 29 ON BRITISH COAST

Second Raid Within a Week Results in Heavy Loss of Life.

officially today. This was the second prisoners.

"Seven airships raided England last night and in the early hours of this morning. The districts attacked were the south coast, the east coast, the northeast coast and the north midlands. The principal attack was aimed against the industrial centers in the last men-

tioned area. No Attack on London.

"Up to the present time no damage to factories or works of military importance has been reported. It is regretted lowever, that a number of small house and cottages were wrecked or damaged at some places and twenty-nine death

"No attempt was made to approach Manajow failed completely and London. The raiders were engaged by our anti-aircraft defenses and we successfully driven off from several Constantinople Reports Turkish Suc

Forty Killed in Air Raid.

AMSTERDAM, via London, September 26.—The Telegraaf says that forty Germans were killed or injured in the front there were the usual skirmishes British air raid on St. Denis Westrem Belgium, Friday. Two sheds and three an official announcement issued here aeroplanes were burned.

**VON JAGOW MAY RESIGN** FROM GERMAN MINISTRY

LONDON, September 26.—The Amster dam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says he learns that the resignation of Gottlieb von Ja gow, German foreign minister, is im ninent. Ill health is given as the rea

Herr von Jagow has been under at ack with the chancellor because of the limitation of U-boat warfare at the de nand of the United States.

VILLA REPORTED MOVING ON AMERICAN FORCES

FIELD HEADQUARTERS, Mexico September 26, via Radio to Columbus N. M .- Villa and his bandit command are moving northward toward the American expeditionary force, according to reports received today at field headquarters from a source believed reliable. Villa is reported to have crossed the

### **RUMANIAN TROOPS** REOCCUPY HEIGHTS

Berlin Admits Teutons Have Fallen Back From Passes in Transylvania.

**BULGARS LAUNCH ATTACK** ON FRONT IN MACEDONIA

Semi-Official Report Says Russian Have Won a Victory in the Dobrudja.

BERLIN, September 26, by wireless to Sayville.—Rumanian troops have again occupied the heights on both sides of Szurduk BATTLING NOW IN THE TOWN and Vulcan passes, in Transylvania, says the German official Official Statement Issued in London statement issued today. German troops repulsed all the Rumanian attacks against the passes, the announcement adds, but were withdrawn according to army or-

Official German Statement. The official statement regarding the fighting in Transylvania and the Bal-

"Transylvania war theater-In the district of Hermannstadt our troops are engaged in a progressing attack. Ru manian forces have occupied the heights on both sides of the passes of Szarduk and Vulcan. Our troops repulsed all attacks against the passes but were taken back this night or

order.

"Balkan theater—Army group of Field Marshal von Mackensen—On this front there were no incidents of importance. And airship and aeroplanes again attacked Bucharest.

"Macedonian front—On September 24 there were several engagements which were favorable for Bulgarian troops east of Presba lake. On both sides of Florina there were lively artillery duels."

Bulgars Attack in Macedonia.

PARIS, September 26 .- On the west n end of the Macedonian front, east of Florina, the Bulgarians last night nade violent counter attacks. Today's official announcement says the assaults were checked by the French.

West of Florina the Russians and French made a combined attack and took fifty prisoners. Between the Struma and the Vardar there was artil-lery fighting, together with some skir-mishing, especially on the British front. No infantry actions developed in the sector held by the Serbs.

Russian Victory in Dobrudja. LONDON, September 26.—A Russian uccess in the Rumanian province of Dobrudja is reported in a semi-official ing stations and more are arriving.

news agency dispatch from Odessa. The dispatch says the Russians took 2,000 but the amount cannot yet be

pany from Saloniki dated Sunday says: ing the night and this morning. A "The entente allies began at 7 o'clock this morning a vigorous offensive on the extreme left westward and north-ward of Florina. There was fighting all day long. The Russians, shortly after noon, captured an important hill west of Florina, the French advanced, occupying the village of Petorak, while the Serbians succeeded in crossing the frontier north of Krusograd, but en-countered fierce opposition at Verbeni."

Claims Repulse of Rumanians. VIENNA, September 25, via London September 26.—The official statement from general headquarters issued to-

day reads: "Eastern theater: Rumanian front between Szurbuk and Vulcan passes Rumanian advances were repulsed. "Transylvania, eastern front: There was lively fighting."

FIGHTING IN THE CAUCASUS.

cesses Against Russian Troops. CONSTANTINOPLE, September 24, via London, September 26, 1:45 p.m -"On our right wing on the Caucasian with intermittent artillery fire," say

"Regular and irregular forces of th enemy landed on September 22, under protection of aerial units in the neigh protection of aerial units in the neigh-borhood of Akyol peninsula. They were pursued and sustained heavy losses. "According to later information, we inflicted heavy losses on the enemy when we obliged him to retreat east of the Suez canal. We captured a quan-tity of booty which he abandoned dur-ing his retreat."

Pulmotor Used Twelve Hours Fails. BALTIMORE, Md., September 26 .-Adrian Duesberg, seven-year-old son of Prof. Jules Duesberg of Johns Hopkins University, was rushed to a nospital yesterday, tied to a pulmotor at the point of death from infantile paralysis. He died at an early hour this morning. The child's respiratory organs were paralyzed and it was only by artificial means that he was kept alive. The pulmotor was used without cessation for more than twelve hours, rhythmically inflating and deflating his lungs.

Will Quit New London Thursday. NEW LONDON, Conn., September 26. Members of the Mexican-American joint commission decided today to hold their last session here Thursday, when they will adjourn until Monday to resume their conferences at Atlan-

### COMBLES ENTERED BY BRITISH FORCE; FRENCH ARE NEAR

ONE CENT.

Gravely Worded Berlin Statement Admits Enemy Successes on Somme Front.

HAD ALMOST SURROUNDED STRONG GERMAN POSITION

vance Against Peronne and Bapaume.

Stood as an Obstacle in Way of Ad-

Today Says Resistance of the Germans Is Being

BERLIN, September 26, by wireless to Sayville .-Successes were achieved by the Anglo-French forces on the Somme last night to the east of Eaucourt L'Abbaye, north of Flers, says the official statement issued by the German army headquarters today. The conquest of the villages on the line of Gueudecourt - Bouchavesnes, the statement adds, must be recognized.

LONDON, September 26, 2 o.m.—The British have entered Combles on the Somme front, the war office announced today, and are overcoming the resistance of the Germans.

Many Prisoners Taken.

More than 1.500 prisoners, taken in hours, have already been counted, and a large amount of war material has been aptured. The announcement follows: "Yesterday's operations were entirely successful. The preparation and exe-cution of the attack by the artillery and infantry and the co-operation be-tween them were in all respects ad-

Much war material has been captured.

ready have passed through the collect-

strong redoubt which had held out between Les Boeufs and Gueudecourt low has been captured and the garrison "Our troops entered Combles from the

west and are overcoming the enemy's resistance. There the enemy's loses were very severe."

Important to Germans.

Combles, a town of some 2,000 population before the war, had been rendered of small strategic importance to the allies by their long continued encircling movement. It has been of notable value to the Germans, however, because as long as they clung to it the Franco-British freedom of action in pushing their offensive movements oward Bapaume and Peronne, on either

side of it, was hampered. Turned into a strongly fortified position by German defensive ingenuity, it has persistently held fast like a rock in the course of a turbulent stream that has had to be blasted loose

before the channel was fully opened up. Long and Costly Effort.

This process has only be accord olished by long continued, severe and costly effort on the part of the allies. Driving in from the south the French successively swept by Hardecourt, Maurepas, Le Forest and finally reached Fregicourt, a mile east of Combles.

More slowly, but none the less surely, the British have pushed their advance on the north of the German salient. Their struggles to reach and hold Ginchy and Guillemont were expensive in time and men, but finally the ground north of Combles and some distance to the east was occupied, putting the town in a pocket, of which the opening was constantly being narrowed by the drive : of the entente armies. Yesterday came the combined effort of the French and British to close the opening, or at least render it so narrow that what could be extracted through it by the Germans

would not be worth while. Only two roads remained over which the Germans could move their men and guns. The single-track railroad run-ning through the place had long since been rendered useless.

British Occupied Morval.

Attacking from the north, Gen. Haig's forces rushed to and occupied Morval, cutting the northerly road running to Le Transloy.

Striking from the south the French

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